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Wilson Harbor, NY

Harbor Features

- Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Twelve Mile Creek in the Town of Wilson, Niagara County, New York.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1945 and 1968.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorized depths are 8 feet in the entrance channel and 6 feet within the Tuscarora Bay.
- The channel is approximately 4,900 feet long, 80 feet wide, and suitably widened at bends.
- The harbor is protected by parallel east and west piers with a total length of 1,331 feet.
- Major stakeholders include charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community.

Project Needs

- The harbor typically requires dredging every three to five years. It was last dredged in 2000 when 5,100 cubic yards (CY) of material was removed.
- In order to maintain adequate channel depth for vessels, an estimated 20,000 (CY) of maintenance dredging will be required in the entrance channel.
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 51,000 CY.
- Maintenance dredging is the primary FY10 need.



Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in unsafe navigation conditions.
- Further shoaling will limit or cease recreational use.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Potential functional loss of Harbor of Refuge.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

Transportation Importance

- Harbor of Refuge.
- Supports 9 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$73,494 in net income annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010
Wilson Harbor, New York Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

Work Package	FY08 Need	FY08 Allocation	FY09 Need	FY09 President's Budget	FY10 Need	FY10 President's Budget*
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	500		810		650	
TOTALS	500	0	810	0	650	

*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009

Congressional Interests

- Representative Louise Slaughter D-NY-28
- Senator Hillary Clinton D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY